



Welcome to ITV - The Week-End College!

You are enrolled in:

Philosophy 1 (7033) (UC: CSU) 3 Units

Introduction to Philosophy

A survey of the fundamental questions about self, society, and universe. Primary focus is on theories of reality, theories of knowledge, philosophy of religion, and philosophy of death.

The Weekend College classes combine video lessons with online activities and weekend class meetings. You should complete all three components to successfully pass the class. The course requirements are in the online syllabus. If you have questions contact your instructor via email or by telephone during their office hours listed above.

Instructor
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Office Hours
Wednesdays, 1:00 – 8:00 PM

Getting Started

Although the first class meeting is not until the weekend of September 5 & 6, the class officially begins online Monday, August 31, 2009. Follow the checklist below to get started in your class now.

1. Choose a Campus

Select the campus to attend your weekend class and make note of its time and location.

2. Buy Your Books

The back of this page lists the required and recommend books for your course. Buy your books as soon as possible so that you can get started on your assigned readings. Textbooks can be purchased at City, Mission, Southwest, Valley, and Pierce Colleges or from most online bookstores.

3. Log In

The class website opens **Aug. 31**, log in and read your course syllabus. It will list all assignments and quizzes times and due dates. You can find log in instructions on the last page of this letter.

4. Email Your Instructor

Once you have logged in, email your instructor and let her know that you have successfully logged in to the class website.

5. Plan Your Schedule

Weekend College courses are fast paced—covering a lot of material in eight weeks. At a minimum, students expect to spend 16 hours per week on the class. Schedule time in advance for reading the textbooks, watching the video episodes, and completing the online assignments. If you plan to watch or record the videos on the educational cable channel LA 36, also note those times and set the timer on your Tivo or DVD recorder in advance. You can find the broadcast schedule on the back of this page.

Classroom Location Schedule

Attend class at any one of the four campuses: L.A. City, L.A. Pierce, L.A. Southwest or L.A. Valley College. The instructor teaches at all four locations.

Day	Campus	Time	Location
Saturday	L.A. Southwest College	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon	Lecture Lab., Rm. 114
	L.A. City College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	DaVinci Hall, Rm. 305
Sunday	L.A. Valley College	9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon	Foreign Language Bldg., Rm 104
	L.A. Pierce College	1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Pierce Village, 8102

Attendance at the class meetings is expected.
If you fail to attend, you may be dropped from class.

Fall 2009 CALENDAR

August 31 – October 25, 2009

Important Dates and Deadlines

Semester Begins	Aug. 31
Last Day to Drop or Change Classes	Sept. 5
<i>(without Incurring Fees)</i>	
Cablecasts Begin on Cable Channel LA 36	Sept. 10
Last Day to ADD Classes	Sept. 11
Last Day to Drop Classes Without a "W"	Sept. 16
<i>(no refund)</i>	
Last Day to File for Credit/No Credit	Sept. 23
Last Day to Drop with a "W"	Oct. 11
<i>(After this date a grade must be issued)</i>	

Class Meeting Schedule

Class Meeting	Sept. 5 & 6
Class Meeting	Sept. 12 & 13
Class Meetings.....	Sept. 19 & 20
Midterms Exams.....	Sept. 26 & 27
Class Meeting	Oct. 3 & 4
Class Meeting	Oct. 10 & 11
Class Meeting	Oct. 17 & 18
Final Exams.....	Oct. 24 & 25

A photo ID is required to take exams.

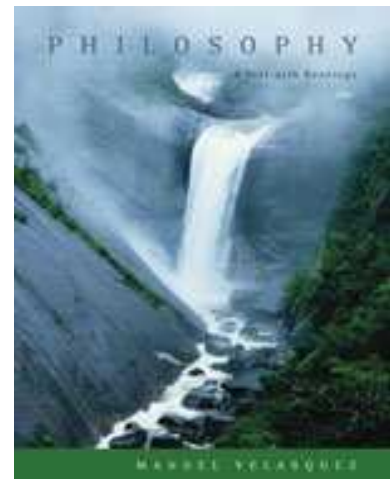
Textbooks

Required:

Title: Philosophy - A Text with Reading
Author: Velasquez, Manuel
Edition: 10/E, 2008 (Paperback)
Publisher: Thomson/Wadsworth
ISBN: 978-0-4950-9497-5

Recommended:

Title: The Examined Life Telecourse Study Guide
Author: Velasquez, Manuel & White, J. P.
Edition: 4/E, 2007
Publisher: Thomson/Wadsworth
ISBN: 978-0-4951-0302-8



Textbooks are available in the college libraries. Most libraries have the texts on Reserve, (two hour use, in the library) some libraries have copies in the General Collection. Individual Library Policies apply and they may be different at each campus. Students must have a valid student ID **for the campus they intend to use** the library materials. For example, to check out books from Pierce College Library students must have a valid Pierce College Student ID. Students who enrolled only in ITV classes may obtain a Mission College ID through the Admissions Office at Mission College.

Videos

The Examined Life

Four Ways to Watch the Videos

1. Available on the Los Angeles Educational Channel, LA 36. The broadcast schedule is:
Tuesdays, Sept. 10 – Oct. 22 @ 8:00 – 10:00 AM
2. Purchase a complete set of the DVD's from the Pierce or Mission College Bookstore:
www.piercecollege.edu or www.lamission.edu
3. Available in Broadband at: www.lamission.edu/ITV
4. Watch the video lessons in the Learning Resource Centers at any of the LACCD Colleges. You must bring your fee receipt to view the videos.

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Dear Students,

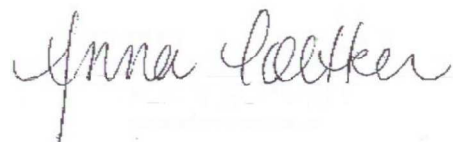
Welcome to Philosophy 1—Introduction to Philosophy! I am glad to see you have enrolled in a challenging but rewarding course. Together, we will explore topics regarding the self, society, and universe in addition to theories of reality, knowledge, and religion. It will no doubt be an exciting and engaging class.

This course will involve a lot of interaction and discussion. We can all learn a great deal from each other. However, in order to do this, we must remain open minded and respectful of each other. Always read the material, watch the assigned segments, and participate online. That way, we will always have an engaging class.

I will be happy to work with you if you come to me. My email is alpoetker@att.net and my office hours are Wednesdays 1-8pm. It's always best to tell me if you are having a problem or any concerns early rather than wait until it may be too late to correct the situation. I am always available, and I try to return emails within 24 hours. Always put your name in the subject line; that way I will give your message my immediate attention.

As part of your introduction to this course, I would like you to go to the "Discussion Board" and answer the first thread "Introduce Yourself". It will ask you to introduce yourself to the class. Tell us a bit about yourself. Why you are taking this course? What are your educational goals and what are your plans for the long term? As part of this assignment, you will need to "reply" to at least one other student's autobiography and welcome him/her into the class. This will help us all get to know one another a little better before the class even actually begins. Furthermore, familiarize yourself with our online portion of this course. This way, if you run across any problems, we can adjust them before work is due.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna Poetker". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and legible.

Anna L. Poetker, M.A.
Instructor

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Online Class Website

Step 1. Where do I go to log on to this course?

- Go to <http://etudes-ng.fhda.edu/portal>
- Bookmark this page!
- Enter your user ID

Step 2. What is my User ID?

In lowercase letters and with no spaces:

- use the first 2 letters of your first name
- *and* the first 2 letters of your last name
- *and* the last 5-digits of your student ID #

Example: Donna Smith:

Student ID #: 88 455 6789

User ID:

My User ID is: _____

Step 3. What is my Password?

Using four numbers together with no spaces:

- use two numbers for your birth month
- *and* use two numbers for the birth day

Example: if your birth date was January 3

Password:

My Password is: _____

Once you have logged in you will see the sections on the top left of the page, My Workspace and on the right, your class website which begins with LAMCITYV. Click on the tab to enter the course. See the example below:



E-mail your instructor once you have successfully logged in to the course website.

NOTE TO AOL USERS: Launch either an Internet Explorer, Netscape or Firefox browser after you connect using AOL and minimize the AOL Browser. DO NOT USE THE AOL BROWSER.

Add/Drop Classes & Check Grades

Forms for adding/dropping a class or requesting an official transcript can be found at www.lamission.edu/itv. These forms can be faxed to (818) 833-3598 or brought in to our office.

To Add/Drop a class and check Official Grades online, visit www.laccd.edu.

To Add/Drop classes through the Student Telephone Enrollment Process (STEP):

1. Call (213) 689-8888 or (310) 605-0505 or (323) 226-1999 or (818) 988-2222
2. Press 0 for ITV/The Weekend College
3. Follow the instructions to complete your request

We're here to Help

If you need technical assistance logging in to your course, contact ITV Technical Support at (818) 833-3596 or send an email to mckennpg@lamission.edu. Be sure to include:

- Your full name
- Course title and instructor
- Student ID
- Your phone and e-mail address
- Date enrolled